

BOARD MINUTES FOR 02/26/09

FEBRUARY 26, 2009

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, IN AND FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY, MET ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE VERNON CITY HALL, VERNON, FLORIDA WITH COMMISSIONERS BROCK, HOLMAN, HOWELL, PATE AND STRICKLAND PRESENT. ATTORNEY HOLLEY, ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT, CLERK COOK AND DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW WERE ALSO IN ATTENDANCE.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL WELCOMED EVERYONE AND THANKED THE CITY OF VERNON FOR ALLOWING THE USE OF THEIR FACILITY TO HOLD THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED PRAYER WITH COMMISSIONER PATE LEADING IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

KEN MONEGHAN, FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TRUST, INTRODUCED KEN PRIDGEN, WALTON COUNTY COMMISSION AND MARCELLA BRIDIER, RISK MANAGER FOR FACT. THEY WANTED TO MEET WITH THE BOARD AND PRESENT THEM A PLAQUE FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE FACT PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL FOR THE PAST TWENTY YEARS. HE UPDATED THE BOARD ON THE FACT PROGRAM DOING WELL AND IT IS OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE MEMBER COUNTIES. WITH THE FINANCIAL TIMES AS THEY ARE RIGHT NOW AND THE FINANCIAL ENVIRONMENT AS IT IS, THINGS REALLY HAVE A DOWN TURN AND BUDGETS ARE TIGHT. HOWEVER, KEN STATED IN FACT'S DECEMBER MEETING, THEIR AUDITORS ADVISED THEM THEIR SURPLUS IS GROWING WHICH MEANS FACT IS STRONG AND GROWING. ONE OF THE THINGS THE AUDITORS RECOMMENDED THEY LET EVERYONE KNOW IS LAST YEAR FACT'S INVESTMENT AND INVESTMENT INCOME ACTUALLY GREW. WITH THE INVESTMENT'S GROWING, THAT MEANS FACT CAN KEEP THEIR PREMIUMS LOWER.

KEN ADDRESSED OTHER PROGRAMS THEY SET UP AT THEIR ANNUAL CONFERENCE; A RISK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM THEY HAVE PUT IN PLACE, SEMINARS SOME OF THE ATTORNEY'S THEY USE PUT ON, ETC. THEY SEND PEOPLE FROM MEMBER COUNTIES TO THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS PARTICIPATED.

KEN SAID ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THEY HAVE DONE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS IS THEIR SUPPORT WITH FAC AND THE SMALL COUNTY COALITION. FACT HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTING TO BOTH ORGANIZATIONS IN MAKING SURE THERE AREN'T LEGISLATIVE ISSUES THAT COME UP THAT WOULD AFFECT THEIR MEMBER COUNTIES.

KEN PRIDGEON PRESENTED THE PLAQUE TO THE BOARD EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF FACT.

THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MSBU ORDINANCE REVISION BEGAN. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT READ THE HEADING OF THE ORDINANCE:

AN ORDINANCE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 6 OF PRIOR COUNTY ORDINANCE, NO. 2001-4 AS AMENDED BY PRIOR COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 2007-02; ABOLISHING THE PRESENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR A NEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL SERVE FOR THREE MONTHS PER YEAR, AND WHICH SHALL MAKE FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS; RECOGNIZING THAT MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE FUNDS WILL BE APPLIED TO DEBT RETIREMENT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF REVAMPING THE MSBU ORDINANCE FOR THE MSBU IN SUNNY HILLS AND QUESTIONED IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE ORDINANCE.

RAYMOND MORAN STATED THE MSBU IS A STATE LAW AND HE DOESN'T THINK THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CAN KEEP REWRITING THE LAW SO THEY CAN TAKE CONTROL OVER THESE MSBU TAX FUNDS.

MORAN SAID THE COMMISSION DIDN'T HOLD ANY PUBLIC HEARINGS OR MEETINGS THAT ALLOWED THE MSBU TAXPAYERS TO HAVE A VOICE IN ANY MSBU TAXING ACTIVITIES. UNTIL YOU DECIDE TO DO THIS, HE SUGGESTED THE BOARD REINSTATE THE FORMER MSBU COMMITTEE MEMBERS UNTIL THEY BEGIN TO HAVE PUBLIC HEARINGS IN SUNNY HILLS ABOUT THE MSBU.

MR. MORAN ASKED COMMISSIONER HOWELL IF THEY WERE GOING TO APPOINT A PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE MSBU AND PAY THEM A SALARY. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WOULD BE APPOINTING A PERSON IN CHARGE AND IF THE BOARD SO DESIRES, THEY WOULD PAY THEM A SALARY; BUT, THAT IS NOT KNOWN FOR SURE.

MR. MORAN REFERRED TO HIM BEING TOLD THE PERSON COMMISSIONER HOWELL IS GOING TO APPOINT IS A RELATIVE OF HOWELL'S. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADVISED THE PERSON WAS NOT A RELATIVE OF HIS THAT HE IS AWARE OF.

MR. MORAN SAID THEY HAD NEVER HAD A PAID POSITION AS A MANAGER BEFORE OVER THE MSBU. COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED THE MSBU ACTUALLY DID HAVE A PAID MANAGER. HOWELL SAID HE WILL BE RECOMMENDING THE BOARD PAY A SMALL FEE TO THE NEW COORDINATOR TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR THE TIME HE WILL SPEND AT THE MSBU MEETINGS, ETC. HOWEVER, IT WILL BE UP TO THE BOARD TO DECIDE IF THE POSITION WILL BE PAID OR NOT.

MR. MORAN QUESTIONED SHOULDN'T THERE HAVE BEEN A PUBLIC MEETING ON THE REWRITING OF THE MSBU ORDINANCE AND STATED THE MSBU ORDINANCE HAS BEEN CHANGED TWICE ALREADY.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE PUBLIC HEARING IS BEING HELD TONIGHT; IT WAS ADVERTISED IN THE PAPER.

MR. MORAN ADDRESSED THERE BEING THOUSAND OF PROPERTY OWNERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY THAT ARE PAYING MSBU FUNDS AND THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED HE DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT SAYS YOU HAVE TO CONTACT THEM ALL TO CHANGE THE ORDINANCE. MR. MORAN STATED HE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD HAVE NOTIFIED ALL THE PROPERTY OWNERS; THEY ARE TAXING THE PEOPLE AND NOT GIVING THEM THE CHOICE ON ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE COMMITTEE SELECTED TONIGHT WILL HAVE THE CHOICE TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH THE MONEY; THE BOARD WILL NOT DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH IT. THOSE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DECIDE.

MR. MORAN REFERRED TO HIM HAVING HEARD SOME OF THE PEOPLE COMING UP TO BE APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE, LIKE JIM TOWN, IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTY IN SOME WAY.

COMMISSIONER PATE AND COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MORAN MR. TOWN WAS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTY ANY MORE THAN ANY OTHER CITIZEN.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MORAN HE THOUGHT HE WOULD BE PLEASED WITH THE LIST OF NAMES TO BE APPOINTED TO THE NEW MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

SHARRON KIRK, RESIDENT OF SUNNY HILLS, ASKED WHY THE BOARD FEELS LIKE THEY NEED TO DO AWAY WITH THE EXISTING MEMBERS ON THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHEN THEY PRESENTED A BALANCED BUDGET IN 2008 AND WERE MEETING ON A MONTHLY BASIS. SHE ASKED WHAT DID THE EXISTING MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE DO WRONG THAT WARRANTED THIS TO TAKE PLACE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MS. KIRK NO ONE WAS SAYING THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAD DID ANYTHING WRONG; THE COMMITTEE DID A VERY GOOD JOB AS FAR AS THE BUDGET WAS CONCERNED. HOWEVER, THERE WAS A LOT OF ANIMOSITY AMONGST THE GROUP AND THE COMMUNITY AND IT DIDN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING THAT WELL IN THE COMMUNITY. HE REFERRED TO HIM HAVING STATED AT THE WORKSHOP, IT MAY NOT EVER WORK THIS WAY; HE DOESN'T KNOW. BUT, HE WILL BE THE

FIRST TO ADMIT IF IT DOESN'T WORK. THIS IS SOMETHING THE BOARD WANTS TO TRY AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS.

MS. KIRK QUESTIONED IF THE MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO GATHER ENOUGH INFORMATION IN HAND TO PRESENT A BUDGET AND WHATEVER PROBLEMS THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO ADDRESS IN THREE MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID "YES;" THE COUNTY IS GOING TO HELP THEM. THE NEW MEMBERS WILL BE STARTING RIGHT AWAY; THEIR ACTUAL TIME FRAME WILL BE MAY UNTIL OCTOBER.

SHARRON KIRK QUESTIONED IF THE NEW COMMITTEE WOULD BE HAVING WORKSHOP MEETINGS THEMSELVES; BUT, THE MEETINGS ARE GOING TO BE PUBLIC FOR THREE MONTHS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD MS. KIRK EVERYTIME THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEETS, IT WILL BE PUBLIC. MS. KIRK SAID THE COMMITTEE WILL LET THE PUBLIC, THE RESIDENTS OF SUNNY HILLS, KNOW THEY ARE HAVING A WORKSHOP MEETING THEY CAN ATTEND.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE MSBU COMMITTEE MEETINGS WILL BE ADVERTISED MEETINGS.

MS. KIRK ASKED, AS FAR AS THE PAID COORDINATOR THE BOARD IS TALKING ABOUT DOING, DID THEY CHECK WITH ATTORNEY HOLLEY TO SEE IF THEY COULD PAY AN EMPLOYEE OUT OF MSBU FUNDS. SHE REPHRASED HER QUESTION AND ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF THE BOARD COULD APPOINT A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO BE THE COORDINATOR AND PAY THEM OUT OF THE MSBU TAX FUNDS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE DIDN'T THINK IT MADE ANY DIFFERENCE WHETHER HE IS AN EMPLOYEE OR NOT AND ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY. ATTORNEY HOLLEY AGREED IT DIDN'T MATTER.

MS. KIRK ADDRESSED HER ALWAYS BEING UNDER THE IMPRESSION EVERYTHING THAT HAD TO DO WITH A BOARD OR A COORDINATOR WAS DONE WITH VOLUNTEERS BECAUSE THEY ARE DEALING WITH TAX MONEY AND YOU HAVE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED A LOT OF COORDINATORS ARE VOLUNTEERS. MS. KIRK ADDRESSED ALL SHE HAS EVER KNOWN UNTIL THE SUNNY HILLS MSBU INCIDENT WERE VOLUNTEERS. SHE AND A COUPLE OF OTHER RESIDENTS DID SOME RESEARCH ON THIS ALL THROUGH THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND COULD NEVER FIND ANYONE ELSE THAT HAD BEEN PAID. THAT IS WHY SHE WAS ASKING A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS BECAUSE IT IS TAXPAYERS MONEY AND THE BOARD DOES HAVE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR IT. SHE SAID THAT WAS THE ISSUE IN THE PAST; THEY NEVER COULD FIND WHERE ALL THE FUNDS WERE GOING. THEY WERE MAKING PURCHASES WITHOUT ANY DOCUMENTATION. THE MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING ALL THAT AND BEING ACCOUNTABLE FOR EVERYTHING AND DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE PAST MISTAKES. SHE JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY IS UPFRONT; IF IT IS PUBLIC AND THEY CAN ATTEND ALL THE WORKSHOPS AND THE BOARD FEELS LIKE THREE MONTHS IS ENOUGH. SHE ADDRESSED THERE ARE RESIDENTS IN SUNNY HILLS THAT ARE STILL VERY UNHAPPY WITH THE SITUATION AND THEY WILL BE WATCHING WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THIS. SHE SAID SHE HOPED THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DO A LOT OF THE THINGS AND HOPE THEY CAN PAY A COORDINATOR. SHE IS NOT SURE ABOUT THE PAYING OF THE COORDINATOR; SHE WILL HAVE TO KEEP LOOKING.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, SAID HE WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT PROBABLY A \$100 A MONTH FOR EXTRA MONEY FOR THE COORDINATOR TO BUY SOME GAS WITH, TIME SPENT AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY, ETC.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED NOBODY HAS EVER SAID THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD WAS DOING ANYTHING WRONG; IT IS JUST THE CONTINUOUS PARADE OF PEOPLE BEFORE THE BOARD BELLYACHING AND FIGHTING AT THE BOARD MEETINGS, ETC. HE HAS NOTHING PERSONAL AGAINST ANYBODY THAT SERVED ON THE MSBU

ADVISORY BOARD; THEY DID NOTHING WRONG AND DID A FINE JOB. HE DOESN'T HAVE THE ANSWER FOR DOWN THERE AND HE IS NOT SURE THE PEOPLE DO. HE HAS AN ANSWER; BUT, NOBODY DOWN THERE SEEMS TO BE WILLING TO PUSH THE ISSUE, "GET INCORPORATED" AND THEN THEY WANT HAVE TO FOOL WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSION. NOTHING WAS INTENDED; HE ENCOURAGED SOME OF THE MEMBERS TO LET THE BOARD KNOW IF THEY STILL WANT TO SERVE. PERSONALLY, COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE WAS AT HIS WITS END.

MARY MORAN, SUNNY HILLS RESIDENT, ASKED THE BOARD IF THEY ARE FORMING THIS MSBU BOARD FOR THE MSBU, WHY DON'T THEY GET AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT TO CHECK ON THESE MONIES TO MAKE SURE THE MONEY IS JUST BEING USED FOR MSBU.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID WE DON'T HAVE AN ACCOUNTANT JUST FOR THE MSBU MONEY; BUT, WE DO HAVE LINE ITEMS THAT ARE ADEQUATE TO TAKE CARE OF THAT. THE INVOICES WILL BE APPROVED BY THE COORDINATOR ON A REGULAR BASIS; THEY WILL BE THERE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING TO GO OVER. IT WILL ALL BE OPEN AND ABOVE BOARD.

MS. MORAN SAID SHE WAS JUST TALKING ABOUT LEAVING A PAPER TRAIL BEHIND IF ANYTHING IS QUESTIONED AS TO WHERE THE MONEY WENT TO. SHE THOUGHT AN INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT WOULD JUST TAKE CARE OF THE MSBU MONEY AND NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE COUNTY MONEY BECAUSE THE RESIDENTS SEE TOO MUCH OF IT SQUANDERED.

SAL ZURICA, SUNNY HILLS RESIDENT, ADDRESSED BACK IN AUGUST 2008 AT A COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING, COMMISSIONER FINCH, WHO CAUSED ALL THIS REALLY, FEELS THEY HAVE OUTLIVED THE TIME THE MSBU COMMITTEE IS USEFUL DOWN THERE. THEY HAVE A BILL TO PAY AND CERTAIN THINGS THE MSBU WANTS TO FUND EACH YEAR. HE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAPP FOR DISCUSSION TO DISBAN THE MSBU COMMITTEE AND ALLOW THE COUNTY TO TAKE THE MONEY TO PAY THE BILLS THEY HAVE. FINCH SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS MADE AT THE LAST MSBU MEETING TO DISBAN THE MSBU COMMITTEE AND PAY THE BILLS THEY OWE.

SAL STATED THAT WAS DONE WITH ANIMOSITY. THE MSBU WAS CREATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS, NOT THE COUNTY. AND YOU SAY LINE ITEMS, SURE THERE ARE LINE ITEMS; BUT, THE COUNTY HAS BEEN USING THE MSBU FUNDS SINCE IT BEGAN. HE KEEPS CORRECTING IT AND HAS BEEN CORRECTING IT FOR OVER TWO YEARS. BILLS HAVE BEEN PAID WITH THE FUNDS AND NOTHING HAS EVER BEEN DONE ABOUT IT. THAT ADVISORY BOARD DID NOTHING WRONG. HE QUESTIONED WHY THE BOARD WANTED TO CHANGE THAT AND WHY DID THEY WANT TO CHANGE THE ORDINANCE. SO THE COUNTY CAN TAKE CONTROL OF THIS. THIS IS 12,000 PROPERTY OWNERS; ACTUALLY THERE IS A LITTLE OVER 10,000 BECAUSE PEOPLE OWN MORE THAN ONE LOT. THE MSBU MONEY IS THEIR MONEY AND NOT THE COUNTY'S. THE PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD HAVE THE FINAL SAY IN WHAT THEY WANT AND HOW THAT MONEY IS GOING TO BE SPENT. LINE ITEMS MAY WORK FOR THE COUNTY; BUT, THEY DON'T WORK FOR THE MSBU. TOO MANY PEOPLE SUBMIT BILLS, THEY GET PAID AND THEY DON'T BELONG TO THE MSBU. HE HAS OVER TWO YEARS OF PAPER WORK TO PROVE IT AND NOTHING HAS EVER BEEN DONE AND NOW THE COUNTY WANTS TO TAKE IT OVER COMPLETELY. IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN; THAT BOARD SHOULD STAY IN PLACE, LET THEM DO WHAT THEY HAVE TO DO, PAY THE DEBT OFF AND END THE MSBU COMPLETELY. THE DEBT CAN BE PAID OFF IN TEN YEARS, NOT TWENTY YEARS, INSTEAD OF PAYING \$4,000,000 FOR A ROAD THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN DONE BY THE PEOPLE ITSELF.

VERNON ANDERSON ASKED IF THE BOARD HAD CIRCULATED PETITIONS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THIS NEW MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP; HE HASN'T SEEN IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED HE HAD ADVERTISED FOR APPLICATIONS IN THE SUNNY HILLS NEWSLETTER.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO READ OFF THE LIST OF NAMES FOR THE NEW MSBU ADVISORY COMMITTEE. MR. HERBERT SAID SEVEN RESUMES WERE RECEIVED:

1. DIANNE WARD
2. LOU TRACY
3. JAMES TOWN
4. JOHN GOLDEN
5. KAREN COURTEMANCHE
6. SAL ZURICA
7. KAREN SCHOEN

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED THE NEW MSBU COORDINATOR WILL BE MR. ROGER DALE HAGAN.

WHEN QUESTIONED IF THE RESIDENTS DIDN'T HAVE A SAY SO IN THE COORDINATOR AS THEY ARE PAYING THE TAXES, COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE BOARD PICKED A COUNTY EMPLOYEE TO BE A COORDINATOR AND THAT IS WHO WE PICKED. IT WAS ADDRESSED BY SOMEONE IN THE AUDIENCE ONE OF THE NAMES ON THE LIST WAS NOT A TAXPAYER OF SUNNY HILLS AND THOUGHT THEY SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF THE LIST. COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED HE DIDN'T THINK YOU HAD TO BE A TAXPAYER; YOU HAVE TO BE A RESIDENT OR PROPERTY OWNER. THE PERSON QUESTIONED WHAT IF THEY ARE NOT PAYING MSBU TAXES; HOW COULD THEY BE ON THE MSBU COMMITTEE IF THEY ARE NOT PAYING TAXES.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED FROM THE RESEARCH THEY HAVE DONE, ALL OF THE NAMES ON THE LIST ARE EITHER RESIDENTS OR PROPERTY OWNERS IN SUNNY HILLS. HE WAS TOLD ONE OF THEM WAS NOT A RESIDENT WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATING IT WAS SO NOTED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYONE ELSE WHO HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THE MSBU ORDINANCE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED IF THE BOARD HAD ANY COMMENTS ABOUT THE MSBU ORDINANCE, COMMITTEE OR COORDINATOR. HE SAID ONE THING HE HAS NOT TALKED TO THE BOARD ABOUT IS THE PAY FOR THE COORDINATOR; HE IS ONLY TALKING ABOUT A \$100 PER MONTH TAKE HOME PAY SO IT MAY ACTUALLY COST \$125.

COMMISSIONER PATE STATED, WITH THE NAMES CALLED OFF, HE PERSONALLY DOESN'T THINK THE BOARD IS GOING TO SETTLE ANYTHING.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND STATED HE DIDN'T THINK WHOMEVER IS COORDINATOR SHOULD RECEIVE PAY AND REFERRED TO ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND DAVID CORBIN HAVE BEEN THE ONES DOING MSBU AND THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY PAY. IF WE ARE GOING TO DO ONE FOR PAY, WE NEED TO DO EVERYBODY. HE REITERATED MR. HERBERT AND MR. CORBIN SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN SUNNY HILLS AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILY AND DIDN'T GET PAID.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID IF THE BOARD DECIDES TONIGHT NOT TO SUPPLEMENT MR. HAGAN'S SALARY, THAT IS FINE; IT IS NOT A DEAL BREAKER AS FAR AS MR. HAGAN IS CONCERNED. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THE SUPPLEMENT TO MR. HAGAN'S SALARY WAS HIS IDEA; NOT MR. HAGAN'S.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THE PREVIOUS BOARD FOR MSBU DONE A FANTASTIC JOB. YOU HAVE TWO OR THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS DOWN THERE PULLING IN ALL DIRECTIONS. HE AGREED HE DIDN'T THINK THE NEW COMMITTEE WAS GOING TO WORK. HE FELT THE COMMITTEE NEEDS TO BE LEFT, THOSE THAT ARE ALREADY SERVING AND THOSE THAT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED, REPLACE THEM AND IF NOT, DO AWAY WITH THE COMMITTEE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY WILL HAVE TO HAVE AN MSBU COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN CONTINUED SAYING STAY WITH THE COMMITTEE THEY HAD BEFORE; FILL THE VACANT POSITIONS ON THE BOARD AND THEY WILL BECOME THE COMMITTEE AND MR. HAGAN AND LET THEM OVERSEE THE BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER BROCK, IN DEFENSE OF SEVERAL EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY THAT DID LITTLE ODD JOBS FOR THE COUNTY ON THEIR OFF TIME AND NEVER TOOK NO PAY, THOUGHT IF THEY START PAYING EMPLOYEES FOR LITTLE JOBS THEY ASK THEM TO DO, THE BOARD IS OPENING UP A CAN OF WORMS. HE THOUGHT THEY NEEDED TO STAY WITH COMP TIME; WHEN THEY ASK EMPLOYEES TO DO THINGS FOR COMP TIME, AND SO FAR, IT HAS WORKED GOOD.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE VACANCIES ON THE PREVIOUS MSBU BOARD. MR. ANDERSON INFORMED THE BOARD FOUR TERMS EXPIRE IN MAY 2009; HIMSELF, SHARRON KIRK, LOU NELL DOCCHIO AND JUSTIN MORROW.

SAL ADDRESSED THE BOARD AGAIN ON MR. ANDERSON SAYING THERE ARE FOUR POSITIONS THAT WILL BE OPEN IN MAY 2009; BUT, THEY ARE OPEN FOR ELECTION TO BE VOTED BACK IN. THEY DON'T HAVE TO GET OFF THE BOARD AND THAT IS PART OF THE BYLAWS. ANOTHER THING IS THE SUNNY HILLS NEWSLETTER IS NOT AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; THE PETITIONS FOR APPLICATIONS TO SERVE ON THE MSBU COMMITTEE HAD TO BE PUT IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS. IT WAS NOT LEGALLY ADVERTISED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHAT THE BOARD'S PLEASURE WAS; THERE ARE SEVEN PEOPLE WILLING TO SERVE ON THE MSBU ADVISORY BOARD AND A COORDINATOR THAT WANTS TO DO THE JOB.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO DENY THE MSBU ORDINANCE. CHAIRMAN HOWELL ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY DISCUSSION. THERE WAS NONE.

THE MOTION CARRIED TO DENY THE MSBU ORDINANCE WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL OPPOSED.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

WALT JACKSON MADE A PUBLIC APOLOGY FOR SELLING COCAINE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.

CHAIRMAN HOWELL CALLED FOR A TWENTY MINUTE RECESS.

PURSUANT TO A RECESS, COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2008 AND OCTOBER 23, 2008 BOARD MEETINGS.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BROCK AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM:

A. \$250 DONATION FOR PROJECT GRADUATION FOR CHIPLEY HIGH SCHOOL AND \$250 DONATION FOR PROJECT GRADUATION FOR VERNON HIGH SCHOOL.

COUNTY ENGINEER, CLIFF KNAUER'S REPORT:

A. ROLLING PINES ROAD PAVING IS COMPLETED; LITTLE MORE WORK TO FINISH POURING THE DITCHES.

B. STATE PARK ROAD-GOT THE FINAL LIFT IN AND DENSITIES ON REPAIR WORK ON STATE PARK ROAD. COUNTY CREWS DID A FANTASTIC JOB AND GOT THE WORK DONE IN A BIG HURRY. HE HAS MADE A REQUEST TO ANDERSON COLUMBIA TO HAVE THEM MOBILIZE NEXT TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY TO PAVE; THEY WILL GIVE HIM THE FINAL ANSWER TOMORROW IF THEY WILL BE ABLE TO START THEN OR NOT.

C. BIDS ON CR 279 SCRAP PROJECT:

1. ANDERSON COLUMBIA-\$1,484,946.09
2. APAC SOUTHEAST-\$1,698,202.86
3. TRIANGLE CONSTRUCTION-\$1,782,154.50
4. C. W. ROBERTS-\$1,380,750

CLIFF RECOMMENDED AWARDED THE PROJECT TO C. W. ROBERTS AND AWARD THE ALTERNATE FOR THERMO PLASTIC STRIPING TO THE BASE BID TO C. W. ROBERTS. HE REPORTED THERE WOULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT

WOULD BE LEFT ON THE PROJECT. THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK AT DRAINAGE AND SOME OF THE BRIDGE ISSUES THAT WERE BROUGHT UP AT THE WORKSHOP AS WELL AS SOME GUARD RAIL.

COMMISSIONER BROCK OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO AWARD THE LOW BID TO C. W. ROBERTS FOR THE CR 279 PROJECT AND AWARD THE ALTERNATE FOR THERMO PLASTIC STRIPING TO C. W. ROBERT'S BASE BID. CLIFF AGREED TO BRING BACK A QUOTE FROM C. W. ROBERTS ON THE DRAINAGE, SAFETY AND BRIDGE ISSUES AND LET THE BOARD APPROVE OF ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

D. PROJECT PIPE-CLIFF GAVE THE BOARD A COPY OF THE FINAL LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND LEGAL SKETCH ON THE INDUSTRIAL PARK PROPERTY SO THEY COULD GET AN IDEA OF WHAT IS BEING DONE ON THE SITE. THERE IS A 100' RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCLUDED FROM THE 70 ACRE PARCEL FOR PROJECT PIPE SO THE COUNTY WILL HAVE DEEDED OWNERSHIP TO THE REMAINING PROPERTY AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK. HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE THERE WASN'T AN EASEMENT ACROSS SOMEONE ELSE'S PROPERTY AND IT IS SET UP SO THE COUNTY OWNS THAT 100'. HOPEFULLY, ATTORNEY HOLLEY WILL BE ABLE TO WORK SOMETHING OUT WITH THE HEIRS ON THAT TEN ACRES; IF THEY GET THAT SQUARED AWAY, THE COUNTY WILL HAVE A PRETTY NICE PIECE TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT ON AT THE INDUSTRIAL PARK.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED IF PROJECT PIPE WILL ACCESS BY THE SAME ROAD THE COUNTY HAS. CLIFF ADVISED PROJECT PIPE HAS THEIR OWN ACCESS; THEY ACCESS THE CONNECTOR ROAD THAT RUNS EAST/WEST.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY UPDATED THE BOARD ON PROJECT PIPE WANTING THE COUNTY TO GIVE THEM A DOCUMENT STATING THEY HAVE LAWFUL ACCESS TO THEIR PROPERTY. HIS UNDERSTANDING IS IT WILL BE BY THE COUNTY'S EAST/WEST ROAD THAT COMES OFF PECAN STREET.

E. GRANT APPLICATION FROM FL-DEP-CLIFF UPDATED THE BOARD ON FL-DEP OFFERING ASSISTANCE FOR PROJECTS THAT ARE INFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. HE ADDRESSED THE COUNTY LOOKING AT POSSIBLY A BROWNSFIELD GRANT TO ASSIST WITH THE DEMOLISHING OF THE OLD COUNTY JAIL. THE FL-DEP GRANT COULD POSSIBLY PROVIDE FUNDING FOR OTHER THINGS TO DO IN THAT AREA BECAUSE IT WOULD QUALIFY FOR INFIELD DEVELOPMENT. HE PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH INFORMATION ON OTHER TYPES OF PROJECTS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM. HE OFFERED TO GO AND LOOK AT ANY PROJECTS THE BOARD FEELS MAY QUALIFY FOR THE FL-DEP FUNDING. THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION IS APRIL 23 AT 5:05 P.M. IT IS POSSIBLE VERNON AND EBRO MAY QUALIFY FOR SOME REDEVELOPMENT TYPE PROJECTS AS WELL.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REPORTED A MEETING WILL BE SET UP TO DISCUSS THE BIDS ON THE NEW EOC BUILDING WHEN THE BIDS ARE RECEIVED.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REPORTED NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED ON THE SUNNY HILLS LOTS.

UNAGENDAED AUDIENCE:

1. CYNTHIA WATKINS, REPRESENTING SEGREST WOLF PRESERVE, THANKED THE BOARD FOR THE GREAT JOB THEY DO FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY. SHE WANTED TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF THE WORK THE WOLF PRESERVE IS DOING IN THE COUNTY THAT IS VERY RARE AND UNIQUE. IT HAS GROWN TO BE THE LARGEST WOLF PRESERVE IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES AND IS THE RAREST OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ABOUT AND LEARN ABOUT WOLVES. SHE ADDRESSED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE COMING FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO THE WOLF PRESERVE AND IT IS BRINGING IN MANY PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER STAYING IN THE HOTELS, MOTELS AND EATING IN RESTAURANTS IN THE COUNTY. THE WOLF PRESERVE HOSTS FIELD TRIPS COMING IN, SCIENCE CAMPS FROM FSU AND ARE WORKING WITH AUBURN UNIVERSITY'S WILDLIFE SCIENCE DEPARTMENT WITH EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

SHE REITERATED SHE JUST WANTED TO RAISE MORE AWARENESS OF WHO THE SEGREST WOLF PRESERVE IS AND WHAT THEY DO. IT IS NOT ONLY ABOUT SEGREST; BUT, IT IS ABOUT WASHINGTON COUNTY AND PROMOTING TOURISM AND ALL THE ABUNDANCE OF OPPORTUNITIES THAT WASHINGTON COUNTY HAS AVAILABLE. THEY ARE OPEN TO WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY AND HAVE PHOTOGRAPHERS COMING IN FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY FILMING ALL OVER WASHINGTON COUNTY THE BEAUTIFUL OPPORTUNIES THE COUNTY HAS.

JERRY BROCK, REPRESENTING THE VERNON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, UPDATED THE BOARD ON A PAPER DONATED BY MS. PAULA MAE DALTON WHEN THE VERNON BRIDGE WAS DEDICATED THE 25TH OF MAY OF 1939. THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS PLANNING A SEVENTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PRIOR TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE BRIDGE IN VERNON DUE TO THE FOUR LANING OF HIGHWAY 79. THEY WERE HOPING TO HAVE IT AROUND MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND; HOWEVER, HE WOULD KEEP THE BOARD POSTED OF THE DATE AND TIME OF THE CELEBRATION. JERRY TOLD THE BOARD HE WOULD PROBABLY BE BACK BEFORE THEM TO ASK FOR A DONATION TO ASSIST WITH THE COST OF THE CELEBRATION.

MICHELLE BLANTON, 3277A YATES SETTLEMENT ROAD, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THE PROBLEMS THEY HAVE HAD IN GETTING THEIR DRIVEWAY FIXED. SHE HAD PICTURES AND LETTERS FROM FRIENDS, FAMILY AND HER MAIL PROVIDER SAYING THEY CAN'T GET IN HER DRIVEWAY. SHE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM THE BOARD IN GETTING HER DRIVEWAY FIXED.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM BEING MADE AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO AND WAS ASKED TO FIX IT. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY'S POLICY IS THEY CAN ONLY GO 50' AND WHERE THE BLANTON'S LIVE, IT IS GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN 50' TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEM. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND ADDRESSED MR. BLANTON HAD GOTTEN SOME QUOTES TO FIX THE DRIVEWAY AND IT WAS GOING TO COST \$14,000 TO FIX IT; THE BLANTON'S DON'T HAVE THE MONEY AND THE ONLY THING THE COUNTY CAN DO IS GO 50'.

WILLIAM BLANTON ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING IF YOU LIVE ON YATES SETTLEMENT ROAD, YOU CAN'T GET NOTHING DOWN. HE SAID HE WAS AWARE SOMEBODY ELSE GOT MILLED ASPHALT ON A ROAD AND HE KNOWS THE COUNTY CAN DO MORE THAN 50'.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THE 50' IS COUNTY POLICY.

COMMISSIONER PATE QUESTIONED MR. BLANTON IF HE APPLIED FOR A DRIVEWAY PERMIT AND WHAT WAS HE TOLD.

MR. BLANTON SAID HE WAS TOLD TO GET A CULVERT; HE WENT AND GOT ONE AND THE NEXT DAY HE WAS TOLD IT HAD TO BE 18" AND HAD TO BE PAINTED BLACK. NO ONE TOLD HIM ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE PIPE OR IT HAD BE PAINTED BLACK UNTIL HE HAD ALREADY GOTTEN HIS CULVERT.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED THE DITCH AT THE BLANTON'S HOUSE NEEDS TO BE CLEARED OUT AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLEARED OUT ALL THESE YEARS. HE ADDRESSED IF THE BOARD FIXES THE DRIVEWAY THERE, THEY ARE ASKING FOR TROUBLE BECAUSE IT WON'T EVER WORK; IT WILL WASH IT AWAY WHEN THEY GET SOME REAL RAINY WEATHER. HE AGREED A CULVERT WAS NEEDED AND THE COUNTY CAN ONLY GO 50' ACCORDING TO THEIR POLICY. HE AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND; 50' IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY THE LIABILITY OF THE COUNTY FOR THE FIRE AND RESCUE NOT BEING ABLE TO GET IN THERE.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THERE IS NO LIABILITY OF THE COUNTY; THE COUNTY'S POLICY IS 50'.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THERE IS ANOTHER WAY TO THE BLANTON'S HOUSE FROM THE TOP OF THE HILL; THEY HAVE BEEN USING THE NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY TO GET TO THEIR PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED THE LENGTH OF THE DRIVEWAY.



COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID IT WAS 200' TO 250'.

MR. BLANTON TOLD THE BOARD HE HAS OFFERED TO PAY THE ROAD COMPANY IN WAUSAU TO FIX THE DRIVEWAY PROBLEM. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME HE WAS AWARE THE BLANTON'S OFFERED TO PAY TO HAVE THEIR DRIVEWAY FIXED.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WAS GOING TO SAY HE WOULD PAY ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY POLICY FOR ONE HOUR FOR A GRADER TO GO IN AND GRADE THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE HAD TOLD THE BLANTON'S THIS. MR. BLANTON SAID HE HAD AGREED, IF THE COUNTY WOULD PUT SOME CLAY THERE AND GRADE IT, TO PAY FOR ROCKS TO BE PUT ON IT. HOWEVER, COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THE COUNTY CAN'T COME ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED THAT WAS CORRECT; THAT IS THE COUNTY'S POLICY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE IS AWARE THE BOARD HAS A POLICY; BUT, THESE PEOPLE HAVE COME BEFORE THEM ASKING FOR HELP. THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAS AUTHORITY TO SUPERCEDE THAT POLICY ON CASES. THESE PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE HERE IF THEY WERE NOT IN BAD HEALTH AND HE IS WILLING TO HELP THEM.

THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR CLIFF TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE BLANTON'S DRIVEWAY AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION ON WHAT CAN BE DONE TO REPAIR THE DRIVEWAY AND THE COST TO DO IT.

MS. BLANTON QUESTIONED THE OTHER DRIVEWAYS THE COUNTY FIXED; THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER DRIVEWAYS THAT HAVE BEEN FIXED.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID THERE PROBABLY HAVE BEEN SOME IN THE PAST.

NAN THOMPSON QUESTIONED HOW THE THINGS THAT OCCURRED ON PIKE POND ROAD CAME ABOUT. AS OF THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, SHE HAS FOUND OVER \$17,000 THAT HAS BEEN NEEDLESSLY SPENT AND IS TRYING TO FIND OUT HOW THINGS FELL INTO PLACE. SHE HAS AN ARTICLE FROM THE FOSTER FOLLY NEWS ABOUT THE CLEANUP ON PIKE POND ROAD. SHE QUESTIONED WHO ALL WAS INVOLVED IN THIS AND HOW MANY COMMISSIONERS WERE AWARE OF WHAT WAS GOING ON PRIOR TO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED MS. THOMPSON HE MADE THE DECISION TO CLEAN UP ON PIKE POND ROAD BASED ON A REQUEST FROM THE CHURCH.

NAN THOMPSON ADDRESSED, ACCORDING TO THE COUNTY'S POLICY, REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCE, IT SAYS IT HAS TO BE ON THE CHURCH PROPERTY. IN THIS CASE, WOULD IT NOT HAVE BEEN PROPER TO INVOLVE THE REST OF THE BOARD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID "POSSIBLY." BUT, THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE SUNSHINE LAW.

MS. THOMPSON QUESTIONED THE EQUIPMENT THAT GOT MESSED UP AND WAS THERE A POLICE REPORT MADE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID SOMEBODY TRIED TO WRECK ONE OF THE MOTORGRADERS; BUT, HE WAS NOT AWARE IF A POLICE REPORT WAS MADE.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE KNOWS THERE WAS AN INCIDENT REPORT AND HE BELIEVES THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WAS CALLED; BUT, HE HASN'T SEEN THE REPORT.

MS. THOMPSON SAID THERE WAS A REPORT ON THE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT WENT MISSING THE WEEKEND BEFORE; THERE IS NO POLICE REPORT FOR THAT DAY AT PIKE POND NOR IS THERE ONE ON THE ONE THAT HAPPENED AT ROLLING PINES.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE KNEW THE DEPUTIES CAME OUT TO THE INCIDENT AT ROLLING PINES.

MS. THOMPSON REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE THAT JUST CAME UP ABOUT DRIVEWAYS; INCLUDED IN THAT \$17,000 IS DRIVEWAYS. ONE OF THEM COST \$620.92 FOR AN EXTENSION TO AN ORIGINAL DRIVEWAY ON PINE OAKS LANE.

MS. THOMPSON REPORTED ANOTHER PRIVATE DRIVEWAY ON GAINNEY ROAD THAT COST \$15,629.04; IT IS NOT A PAVED DRIVEWAY. ACCORDING TO 911, THERE IS NO ADDRESS ON THAT ROAD. SHE HAS A LIST OF THE DRIVEWAYS TO BE DONE AND IT IS NOT LISTED; IT SAYS TBA. GAINNEY ROAD IS NOT A LISTED 911 ADDRESS.

ATTORNEY HOLLEY QUESTIONED WHERE MS. THOMPSON IS GOING WITH THIS. IF SHE IS WANTING TO FILE CHARGES AGAINST THE COUNTY OR PROPOSES TO DO THAT, HE RECOMMENDED THE BOARD NOT DISCUSS IT FURTHER.

MS. THOMPSON STATED SHE WAS ASKING WHY WE ARE SPENDING TAXPAYERS MONEY ON THESE FRIVOLOUS LITTLE PROJECTS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY SAID IT WOULD BE BETTER TO COVER IT IN PRIVATE SOMEWHERE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL OFFERED TO SIT DOWN AND TALK WITH MS. THOMPSON ABOUT IT AND TELL HER WHICH COMMISSIONER HAD IT DONE, ETC. HE AGREED WITH WHAT ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD SAID.

MS. THOMPSON REITERATED SHE HASN'T SAID SHE WAS FILING CHARGES AGAINST ANYONE; SHE IS ASKING WHY THESE ARE BEING DONE. WHEN THE COUNTY HAS NO MONEY TO SPEND, WHY ARE WE CONTINUING ON SPENDING EXTRA MONEY THAT DOESN'T NEED TO BE SPENT. SHE REFERRED TO THE BOARD TELL- ING THE BLANTON'S THEY COULDN'T REPAIR THEIR DRIVEWAY BECAUSE THEY COULD ONLY GO 50'; BUT, THERE IS ONE DRIVEWAY THAT IS AN ADDITIONAL FOOTAGE TO THE EXISTING 50' AND IT HAS JUST BEEN DONE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED MS. THOMPSON HE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THIS ROAD IS AND HE IS NOT SURE IT IS NOT ON THE LIST.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED GAINNEY ROAD HAD BEEN MAINTAINED FOR SIXTEEN YEARS. MS. THOMPSON REITERATED IT WASN'T ON THE LIST WITH COMMISSIONER BROCK SAYING IT SHOULD BE ON THE LIST.

MS. THOMPSON ASKED WHY THE BRANTON'S COULDN'T GET A DRIVEWAY JUST ON 50' WHEN THE BOARD CONTINUES TO DO EXTENSIONS ON DRIVEWAYS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WAS NOT SURE THEY DID; BUT, ASKED MS. THOMPSON TO CALL HIM TOMORROW AND HE WILL HAVE AN ANSWER FOR HER.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO THE LAST BOARD MEETING MS. THOMPSON ADDRESSED THE BOARD, THE ISSUE OF GAINNEY ROAD WAS BROUGHT UP AND THEY HAVE MAINTENANCE RECORDS ON GAINNEY ROAD BACK TO 1997.

MS. THOMPSON STATED THE RECORDS SHE HAS DOESN'T SHOW IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON SOME OF THE MEETINGS WITH PUBLIC WORKS AND SOME BOARD MEETINGS, THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE ROAD LIST WITH SOME ROADS BEING ON IT THAT SHOULDN'T BE AND SOME ROADS SHOULD BE ON IT THAT AREN'T. THE LIST CECELIA PROVIDED WAS SUPPOSE TO BE THE OFFICIAL LIST FOR COUNTY/NON-COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS; HOWEVER, THERE HAVE BEEN SOME PROBLEMS WITH IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED CECELIA WAS NOT CERTIFIED TO DO THE CRITERIA THE COUNTY ASKED THEM TO DO ON THE ROADS IN HIS OPINION.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID THEY WERE SUPPOSE TO HAVE RIDDEN AND LOOKED AT THESE ROADS; HOWEVER, THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE LIST NOT BEING CORRECT.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT SAID HE HAD SOME CORRECTIONS TONIGHT ON THE ROAD LIST HE IS GOING TO BRING UP.

SKYLA CARTER ADDRESSED THE BOARD QUESTIONING WHO AUTHORIZED THE WORK DONE ON FEBRUARY 4TH ON ED PELLETIER'S DRIVEWAY ON PINE OAKS LANE. SHE ASKED IF IT WAS A PRIVATE DRIVE. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID DRIVEWAY.

SKYLA SAID SHE WAS NOT HERE FOR HERSELF ALONE; BUT, AS A VOICE FOR EVERY PERSON THAT HAS BEEN DENIED A PROPERLY MAINTAINED PUBLIC ROAD. A VOICE FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEING ACCUSED OF CAUSING A RUCKUS WHEN WE SIMPLY ASK WHY. SKYLA SAID SHE WAS SICK AND TIRED OF HAVING TO DRIVE TWELVE

MILES OUT OF HER WAY EVERY TIME IT RAINS BECAUSE HER ROAD IS NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED. BUT, YET THE COUNTY CAN SPEND MONEY FOR PRIVATE DRIVES.

SKYLA STATED SHE HAD NO PROBLEM HELPING OUT THY NEIGHBOR; SHE WOULD GLADLY VOLUNTEER AND HELP. HOWEVER, LETS TAKE CARE OF OUR PRIORITIES FIRST AND MAINTAIN OUR PUBLIC ROADS. SHE STATED HER ADDRESS IS 3011 DELTONA BOULEVARD AND SHE THOUGHT THIS WAS IN COMMISSIONER HOLMAN'S MAINTENANCE DISTRICT.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID THAT ROAD IS GRADED PROBABLY EVERY TWO WEEKS.

CONNIE BATCHELOR ASKED COMMISSIONER PATE WHEN THE LAST TIME HER ROAD WAS GRADED. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID ON FEBRUARY 3RD HE CHECKED THE ROAD AND IT WAS BEING GRADED LATER ON THAT AFTERNOON.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE DIDN'T KEEP UP WITH THAT AS THAT IS DALLAS CARTER. CONNIE AGREED HE DIDN'T KEEP UP WITH ANYTHING UNLESS IT IS ON A PRIVATE DRIVEWAY AND HE CAN SECURE A VOTE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REQUESTED CONNIE TO KEEP RESPECT.

CONNIE REFERRED TO THE ATTITUDE COMMISSIONER HOLMAN GOT WHEN HE LEFT HER HOME WHEN TRESPASSING BACK IN SEPTEMBER OR WHEN YOU ENTER SOMEONES HOUSE SCREAMING AND YELLING AT THEM. SHE SAID "LAUGH ALL YOU WANT EDDY."

CONNIE QUESTIONED THE BOARD WHEN HER ROAD WILL BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND STRESSED THE COUNTY KEEPS TAKING DIRT OFF BUT NONE IS EVER PUT BACK ON. YOU CAN BLAME THE GRADER MAN; BUT, HE CAN ONLY DO WITH WHAT HE HAS AND WHAT HE IS TOLD TO DO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED THEY ARE TRYING TO MAINTAIN ROADS; EVERYDAY, THEY ARE OUT WORKING SOMEWHERE IN THE COUNTY. THERE ARE 700 MILES OF DIRT ROADS IN THE COUNTY AND IT TAKES A WHILE TO DO THIS.

CONNIE QUESTIONED IN BETWEEN, THEY CAN DO THESE DRIVEWAYS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE CAN'T DENY SOME THINGS HAVE BEEN DONE THAT PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE NOT BEEN DONE.

CONNIE QUESTIONED IF IT WOULD CONTINUE WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATING HE HOPED NOT.

CONNIE SAID YOU WOULD THINK THEY WOULD LEARN THE FIRST OR SECOND TIME; BUT, THEY CONTINUE THE THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH. IT IS TRUE THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT NEEDS THINGS AND JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT A DEACON OF A CHURCH OR YOUR FRIEND DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T DO IT.

SKYLA QUESTIONED WHY DIDN'T THEY PUT IT TO A VOTE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO VOTE AND HAVE A SAY IF SOMEONE WANTS A PRIVATE DRIVE DONE. SHE IS SURE THE COMMUNITY WOULD GLADLY HELP SOMEONE THAT WAS IN NEED OF A DRIVEWAY; SHE WOULD. SHE ADDRESSED THEM LOOKING AT DEMOCRACY; NOT A DICTATORSHIP AND WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AND IT IS TIME PEOPLE TOOK RESPONSIBILITY. YOU DON'T START FROM THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP; YOU START FROM THE TOP. THAT IS WHERE LEADERSHIP TAKES PLACE, AT THE TOP. SO IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON, THEN MAYBE YOU NEED TO FIND ANOTHER JOB.

SHANE HARDESTY, PASTOR OF OAKY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH IN THE ORANGE HILL COMMUNITY, ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON THEM BEING INVOLVED IN THE CLEANUP ON PIKE POND ROAD. HE SHARED THE SITUATION WITH THE CLEANUP. THERE WAS A MOTHER WITH THREE CHILDREN AND HER HUSBAND HAD ALWAYS COLLECTED JUNK; ONCE THE HUSBAND PASSED AWAY, THE MOTHER ASKED THE CHURCH IF THEY COULD HELP HER CLEAN THIS UP BECAUSE SHE DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT. THE CHURCH GOT INVOLVED.

PASTOR HARDESTY PUBLICLY THANKED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN FOR ASSISTING IN THE CLEANUP; IT TOOK APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS AND COMMISSIONER HOLMAN PRETTY MUCH THROUGHOUT THE DAY ASSISTED IN THE CLEANUP. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN BROUGHT GREAT INSPIRATION TO THE CHURCH AND HIM SEEING A COMMISSIONER NOT JUST STANDING FOR THE PEOPLE; BUT STAND WITH THE PEOPLE AND GOT INVOLVED IN HARD WORK CLEANING UP SEVERAL ACRES OF TRASH, AUTOMOBILES, BOATS, TRUSSES, WASHING MACHINES AND OTHER APPLIANCES, ETC., CLEANED UP THE YEAR AND THE FAMILY WAS THANKFUL. ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH, PASTOR HARDESTY THANKED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN FOR GETTING INVOLVED AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HIS COMMUNITY.

COUNTY ATTORNEY, GERALD HOLLEY, REPORT:

1. REQUEST THE BOARD AUTHORIZE A SHADE MEETING ON MARCH 9TH AT 9:00 TO DISCUSS A MATTER OF PENDING LITIGATION AND LITIGATION EXPENDITURES. THE MEETING CAN ONLY BE ATTENDED BY THE BOARD, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE BOARD, THE ATTORNEYS AND THE COURT REPORTER.

THE BOARD CONSENTED TO HOLD THE SHADE MEETING AS REQUESTED. DUE TO COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND ON THAT DATE, PETE WILL GET WITH THE ATTORNEYS TO SEE HOW TO GET STRICKLAND'S INPUT.

PEGGY DOBBINS, MEMBER OF THE VERNON CITY COUNCIL, PERSONALLY AND FOR THE CITY, THANKED THE BOARD FOR COMING TO VERNON FOR THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO WITNESS A COMMISSION MEETING. SHE UNDERSTANDS THE BOARD IS GOING TO EBRO AND WAUSAU AND FOR THAT THEY ARE VERY THANKFUL. WASHINGTON COUNTY IS A BIG COUNTY AND A RURAL COUNTY; SOMETIMES IT IS HARD FOR CITIZENS TO COME TO THE COMMISSION MEETING. THEY ARE VERY PLEASED THE BOARD CHOSE VERNON AS THEIR FIRST OUT OF CHIPLEY COMMISSION MEETING.

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT'S REPORT:

A. REQUESTED THE BOARD APPOINT LAURIE HERRING FROM BAY MEDIATION AS THE HEARING OFFICER FOR AN EMPLOYEE GREIVANCE.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE REQUEST TO APPOINT LAURIE HERRING AS THE HEARING OFFICER FOR AN EMPLOYEE GREIVANCE.

B. REQUESTED THE BOARD APPOINT A BUDGET COMMITTEE TO START PREPARATIONS FOR FY 09/10 BUDGET AND RECOMMENDED:

1. LINDA COOK
2. DIANNE GLASGOW
3. DEBBIE RILEY
4. PETER HERBERT

ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT ADDRESSED AT A PREVIOUS MEETING, THERE WAS DISCUSSION WHETHER OR NOT A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE IS COMFORTABLE EITHER WAY; IF THEY WANT TO APPOINT A COMMISSIONER ON THE COMMITTEE OR IF THEY WANT THE COMMITTEE TO PREPARE THE BUDGET AND PRESENT IT TO THE ENTIRE BOARD AT THE SAME TIME.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR DAVID CORBIN TO SET ON THE BUDGET COMMITTEE DUE TO HIM BEING OVER THE LIBRARY, RECYCLING, RECREATION, ETC.

CLERK COOK RECOMMENDED JUDY ACUFF, CPA, ALSO SET ON THE COMMITTEE.

THE BOARD APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA COOK, DIANNE GLASGOW, DEBBIE RILEY, PETER HERBERT, JUDY ACUFF AND DAVID CORBIN TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE FOR FY 09/10 BUDGET WITH NO COMMISSIONER SERVING ON THE COMMITTEE. COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND PATE OPPOSED.

C. IN PREPARING TO MOVE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BACK UNDER THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE HOSPITAL'S ATTORNEY AND THEY ARE GOING TO AMEND THE LEASE

AGREEMENT WITH THE HOSPITAL SO THE HOSPITAL WILL NO LONGER MANAGE THE EMS. ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT REQUESTED THE BOARD APPROVE OF UPDATING THE COUNTY'S ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND PUT THE EMS AT THE DIVISION LEVEL AND NAME RANDALL TRUETTE AS THE DIVISION DIRECTOR FOR EMS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF UPDATING THE COUNTY'S ORGANIZATIONAL CHART PUTTING THE EMS AT THE DIVISION LEVEL AND NAMING RANDALL TRUETTE AS THE DIVISION DIRECTOR OF EMS.

HEATHER QUESTIONED THE AFFECT ON THE RETIREMENT WITH EMS COMING UNDER THE BOARD. RANDALL ADVISED EMS RETIREMENT PROGRAM WAS WITH THE FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

D. ATTORNEY HOLLEY HAD RECEIVED A FAX HAVING TO DO WITH THE ESTATE OF JOAN MCLAUGHLIN; THEY HAVE TWO PARCELS IN SUNNY HILLS THEY WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO THE BOARD. IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT THESE TWO PARCELS, THEY CAN TAKE ACTION TO HAVE ATTORNEY HOLLEY PREPARE THE DEEDS. THERE ARE NO BACK TAXES OWED ON THESE TWO PARCELS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO ACCEPT THE TWO PARCELS FROM THE JOAN MCLAUGHLIN ESTATE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED IF ANYBODY KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE LOCATION OF THESE PARCELS. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED THEY WERE UNDEVELOPED LOTS IN SUNNY HILLS.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE TWO PARCELS FROM THE JOAN MCLAUGHLIN ESTATE.

E. RESOLUTION FROM FL-DOT REQUESTING THE BOARD APPROVE OF A MAINTENANCE EASEMENT ON JAMES POTTER ROAD. THEY ARE REQUESTING THIS FOR WHEN THE FOUR LANING COMES THROUGH WASHINGTON COUNTY, THEY CAN PUT THE STATE CREWS ON THE COUNTY ROAD TO PREPARE THE APRONS OR TIE THE ROADS TOGETHER.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAINTENANCE EASEMENT TO FL-DOT ON JAMES POTTER ROAD.

F. WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT-TWO CHANGES FROM WHAT WAS PRESENTED AT THE WORKSHOP: THEY INCLUDED A RESIDENTIAL FEE CHART IN THE AGREEMENT AND THE AGREEMENT ALLOWS FOR AN ANNUAL INCREASE ACCORDING TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NOT TO EXCEED 3%. THE ANNUAL INCREASE NORMALLY CAME ON MARCH 1ST; BUT, WASTE MANAGEMENT WANTS TO MOVE IT BACK TO OCTOBER 1ST.

COMMISSIONER PATE OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND TO ACCEPT THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT RENEWAL. DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON HOW THESE CHANGES MADE SINCE THE WORKSHOP AFFECTS THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT.

PETE ADVISED THE RESIDENTIAL RATE SHEET WAS ADDED AND IT GIVES THE MONTHLY RATE OF \$15.53 AND THE QUARTERLY RATE OF \$46.59.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF WASTE MANAGEMENT WAS WANTING TO MOVE THE RATE INCREASES BACK TO OCTOBER. HE SAID THE ONLY PROBLEM HE HAS WITH THAT IS HE DON'T WANT TWO RAISES RIGHT HERE BACK TO BACK.

LARRY JONES WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT INFORMED COMMISSIONER BROCK THE RATES ARE THE SAME AS THEY HAVE BEEN; THE EXISTING AGREEMENT ALLOWS FOR A RATE INCREASE BASED ON THE CPI ON MARCH 1ST AND THEY MOVED IT BACK TO OCTOBER 1ST OF EACH YEAR. THERE WON'T BE A RATE INCREASE ON MARCH 1ST.

J. R. FOXWORTH QUESTIONED IF THIS IS MOVED BACK TO OCTOBER, ARE THEY GOING TO GET A RETROACTIVE BILL FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT.

MR. JONES EXPLAINED THE RATE INCREASE THAT WAS SUPPOSE TO TAKE AFFECT MARCH 1ST OF THIS YEAR HAS BEEN MOVED TO OCTOBER 1ST OF THIS YEAR AND THE INCREASE WILL TAKE PLACE ANNUALLY IN OCTOBER THEREAFTER. THE

RATE INCREASE WILL BE BASED ON THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS CPI; BUT, NOT TO EXCEED 3%.

COMMISSIONER BROCK CALLED FOR THE QUESTION ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT RENEWAL. COMMISSIONER HOWELL OPPOSED.

G. CORRECTIONS TO THE COUNTY MAINTAINED ROADS LIST:

1. DELETION OF SEMINOLE ROAD AND HILLTOP ROAD
2. ADDITION OF PANTHER TRAIL, ONE MILE
3. ADDITION OF SPRING POND ROAD, .4 OF A MILE
4. ADDITION OF WOODY MARION DRIVE, ONE MILE
5. ADDITION OF GAINEY ROAD
6. WALTERS ROAD-MAINTAINED LENGTH SHOULD BE ONE MILE

AT THE WORKSHOP, PETE ADDRESSED THE BOARD HAD TALKED ABOUT SNOWDEN DRIVE; HOWEVER, AFTER DISCUSSING THIS WITH LYNDA WALLER, THEY FELT THEY DIDN'T NEED TO RECOMMEND ADDING IT TO THE COUNTY MAINTAINED ROAD LIST BECAUSE IT SERVES ONE PARCEL. BY DEFINITION OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, IF IT ONLY SERVES ONE PARCEL, IT IS A DRIVEWAY. THEREFORE, THEY ARE NOT RECOMMENDING SNOWDEN DRIVE BE ADDED AT THIS TIME.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN UPDATED THE BOARD ON SEMINOLE ROAD WHICH IS LOCATED RIGHT OFF OF QUAIL HOLLOW. HE HAS A CITIZEN THAT LIVES ON SEMINOLE ROAD, TURN AND GO DOWN THE THIRD DRIVEWAY ON THE LEFT AND HE HAS ASKED SEVERAL TIMES ABOUT GRADING FROM HIS DRIVEWAY BACK TO QUAIL HOLLOW BOULEVARD. HOLMAN SAID HE KNOWS THE COUNTY HAS NEVER MAINTAINED IT OR GRADED IT; THE LAST TIME THE GRADERS WENT IN THERE AND GRADED IT, THEY WERE RUN OUT OF THERE AND TOLD NOT TO BRING THOSE GRADERS BACK ON THAT ROAD. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE HAD LOOKED AT THIS AND IF NOTHING ELSE, FROM THIS CITIZENS DRIVEWAY BACK TO TUMBLE CREEK THERE, GRADE IT, REPAIR THE POTHOLES, FINE. IF THEY CAN'T, THATS FINE. HE SAID SEMINOLE ROAD IS ON THE LIST; BUT, 95% OF THE PEOPLE DON'T WANT THE COUNTY TO MAINTAIN IT.

COMMISSIONER PATE REPORTED HE HAD WENT AND LOOKED AT THIS ROAD; THERE ARE A COUPLE OF BIG POTHOLES THERE. THERE IS ALSO A SIGN BEFORE YOU GET TO THAT PROPERTY THAT SAYS END COUNTY MAINTENANCE.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID HE WAS CALLED BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE JUMPING THE POTHOLES AND GOING UP INTO THESE PEOPLE'S YARD. IT IS ON THE COUNTY'S MAINTENANCE LIST; THEY CAN FIX IT OR STAY OUT OF IT.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPLAINED COMMISSIONER HOLMAN WAS TALKING ABOUT AN ISSUE WHERE BACK IN THE EARLY 1990'S, FRANK PIERCE DEVELOPED THIS PROPERTY AND PLATTED IT. MOST OF THE ROADS OVER THERE WEREN'T COUNTY; BUT, THROUGH THE YEARS, SOMEHOW, SOMEWHERE, ABOUT ALL THE ROADS ARE GRADED OVER THERE AND MAINTAINED. HE REITERATED HE DIDN'T KNOW WHEN OR WHATEVER HAPPENED; BUT, THERE IS A ROAD OVER THERE, CHAMPION ROAD, THAT GOES TO HERO PIT. THE BOARD NEEDS TO DISCUSS WHY CHAMPION ROAD IS NOT A GRADED ROAD; THE OTHER ROADS WERE PRIVATE TOO.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN SAID ON HERO ROAD FROM THAT POINT TO HIS PROPERTY IS OWNED BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL AND IS PRIVATE PROPERTY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK EXPLAINED ALL THOSE PLATS HAVE 60' RIGHT-OF-WAYS ON THEM; HIS INTERPRETATION OF THAT IS FOR THE PEOPLE TO GO AND COME WHEN IT WAS DEVELOPED BY THE DEVELOPER.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON FRANK PIERCE BEING TOLD TO GO BACK IN AND FIX CERTAIN ROADS; J. T. HARREL, RAY PIGOTT, ETC. WENT IN THERE AND PUT SAND/CLAY ON A LOT OF THOSE ROADS DOWN THERE. THE ONLY ONES THE COUNTY, IF HE REMEMBERS CORRECTLY, ACCEPTED IS THOSE THEY PUT THE SAND/CLAY ON AND ALL THE OTHERS WERE DECLARED PRIVATE DRIVES.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE AND CARRIED TO TABLE THIS DISCUSSION AND DISCUSS IT AT THE WORKSHOP TO BE SCHEDULED.

H. SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER-ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT UPDATED THE BOARD ON CHAIRMAN HOWELL HAVING REQUESTED HE HAVE ROBERT PETTIS LOOK AT THREE PROPOSALS FOR HEATING AND COOLING FOR THE SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CENTER:

1. HORTON'S HEATING AND COOLING-\$22,000
2. WILLIAM CRUTCHFIELD ENTERPRISES-\$29,600
3. HY-TEMP GAS-\$25,825.50

ROBERT PETTIS REVIEWED THESE THREE PROPOSALS, COMPARED THEM AND RECOMMENDED, FOR THE EQUIPMENT AND PAST EXPERIENCE WITH THESE COMPANIES, THE BOARD AWARD THE BID TO GO TO HY-TEMP GAS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING DIFFERENT IN EQUIPMENT THE OTHERS ARE OFFERING. PETE SAID HE THOUGHT THEY WERE ALL THREE TO FIVE TON UNITS. ROBERT WENT THROUGH THESE AND HE THOUGHT THE EQUIPMENT WAS COMPARABLE; BUT, THEY HAVE HAD A LOT OF GOOD EXPERIENCE WITH HY-TEMP AND HE THINKS THERE HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS WITH SOME OF THE OTHER BIDDERS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ASKED IF THERE WAS MONEY TO DO THIS. COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD HAVE; BUT, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THEY DON'T THEY CAN GO AHEAD AND MAKE A MOTION TO AWARD IT CONTINGENT ON HAVING THE MONEY.

JOHN MAHOLSKI ADDRESSED THE BOARD STATING HE WAS NOT AWARE SUNNY HILLS HAS A COMMUNITY CENTER. COMMISSIONER PATE SAID IT IS NOT A COMMUNITY CENTER; IT IS A COUNTY ANNEX. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO PLEASE USE THE PROPER TERMINOLOGY WHEN SPENDING MONEY.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM HY-TEMP FOR THE HEATING AND COOLING FOR THE COUNTY ANNEX IN SUNNY HILLS. COMMISSIONER BROCK REITERATED HE WANTED TO STAY WITHIN BUDGET.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED WITH BROCK AND REFERRED TO HAVING A A \$22,000 BID THAT IS COMPARABLE AS OPPOSED TO A \$25,825 BID. THE MOTION CARRIED TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM HY-TEMP WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OPPOSED.

DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW REPORTED ON THE VOUCHERS SIGNED AND WARRANTS ISSUED FOR JANUARY 2009 TOTTALLING \$1,946,190.32. COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND CARRIED TO APPROVE OF THE VOUCHERS.

CLERK LINDA COOK HAD PROVIDED THE BOARD WITH A SUMMARY REGARDING A CIVIL ACTION SUIT AGAINST THE TAX COLLECTOR, PROPERTY APPRAISER AND THE CLERK REGARDING SOME TAX DEED PROPERTIES THAT WERE SOLD. BASICALLY, THE BOTTOM LINE IS THEY SOLD SOME COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES AS TAX DEEDS. EVERYTHING WAS DONE ACCORDING TO STATUTES; BUT, THERE WAS SOMETHING FROM THE SUPREME COURT THAT SAYS YOU HAVE TO GO A STEP FURTHER. THEY ARE GOING TO BUY THE PROPERTY BACK FROM RICHARD DUFFIELD THAT BOUGHT THE PROPERTY SO THEY CAN GIVE IT BACK TO THE ORIGINAL OWNERS. HE WILL PAY THE ATTORNEY FEES AND THE TAXES THAT ARE DUE ON THE PROPERTY; BUT, THE COUNTY HAS TO PAY MR. DUFFIELD UPFRONT. THE AMOUNT IS \$26,597.70. SHE INFORMED THE BOARD THE MONEY WAS AVAILABLE IN THE TAX DEED OVERBID MONEY AND WAS REQUESTING THE BOARD APPROVE OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD DUFFIELD. SHE TOLD THE BOARD SOME OF THE MONIES THEY ARE PAYING DUFFIELD WILL COME BACK TO THE COUNTY; BUT, SHE DOESN'T HAVE THAT FIGURE.

ATTORNEY ADKISON HAS ALSO DRAWN UP AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CLERK AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOT TO HOLD THEM LIABLE; THE TAX COLLECTOR AND PROPERTY APPRAISER CHOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF HE WAS OKAY WITH WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED BY THE CLERK. ATTORNEY HOLLEY ADVISED HE WAS; HE ATTENDED THE MEETING ABOUT THIS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATE TO APPROVE OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH RICHARD DUFFIELD FOR SUNNY HILLS PARCELS.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED IT LOOKED LIKE THE OWNERS WOULD HAVE TO PAY THE TAXES FIRST; THEN, THE COUNTY WOULD GIVE IT BACK TO THEM. ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED THE OWNERS WERE NOT PROPERLY NOTIFIED ACCORDING TO THE SUPREME COURT. THEY WERE NOTIFIED ACCORDING TO CURRENT LAW; BUT, THE SUPREME COURT INTERPRETED SOMETHING ELSE TO REQUIRE MORE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL QUESTIONED IF THERE WAS SOMETHING IN PLACE NOW SO THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN. CLERK COOK ADVISED THEY WAS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK QUESTIONED, BEFORE THIS PROPERTY WAS SOLD AND BECAME COUNTY PROPERTY, WERE THESE OWNERS DELINQUENT IN TAXES AND WOULD THEY BE CHARGED BACK TAXES. CLERK COOK ADVISED THE OWNERS WERE DELINQUENT IN TAXES AND THEY WOULD BE CHARGED BACK TAXES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER BROCK UPDATED THE BOARD ON A REQUEST FROM A COUPLE OF PASTORS IN THE COUNTY TO NOT ALLOW RODEOS TO START UNTIL AFTER 1:00 P.M. ON SUNDAYS AS IT HAS AFFECTED SOME OF THEIR CHURCH KIDS.

MARGARET RILEY ADDRESSED THE BOARD ON HER FAMILY PARTICIPATING IN THE FLORIDA HIGHSCHOOL RODEO ASSOCIATION AND ALL OVER THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. THEIR RODEOS START AT 9:30 A.M. WHEREVER THEY ARE AT. THEY HAVE COWBOY CHURCH AT THESE RODEOS ALSO. THE BOARD TOOK NO ACTION ON THE REQUEST FOR RODEOS TO START AFTER 1:00 P.M ON SUNDAYS.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON A GROUP THAT IS FORMING TO HELP LOBBY OR ASK THE STATE TO HELP THE SMALL COUNTIES OUT ON THE STIMULUS PACKAGE. HE ADVISED THE BOARD THE GROUP WILL BE MEETING TOMORROW AT 12:30 EASTERN STANDARD TIME IN PORT ST. JOE. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS FOR COMMISSIONER PATE AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN THANKED COMMISSIONER BROCK, THE PUBLIC WORK SUPERVISORS, ALL THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THE COUNTY ENGINEER AND HIS ASSISTANT FOR GETTING THE STATE PARK ROAD REPAIRS COMPLETED IN FOUR DAYS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND THANKED THE CITY OF VERNON FOR GIVING HIM OFFICE SPACE AT THE VERNON CITY HALL.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN WANTED TO STATE HE HAS NOT NEGLECTED ANYONE WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING. AS FAR AS THE COUNTY MAINTENANCE CONCERNS, THEIR MAIN ISSUE IS ON ROLLING PINES AND THEY HAVE WENT LACKING IN COUNTY MAINTENANCE. BUT, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON STARTING OUR MAINTENANCE PROGRAM UP AGAIN; TUESDAY, THEY MOVE BACK INTO HIS DISTRICT FOR TWO WEEKS. HE HAS TALKED TO DALLAS, COMMISSIONER PATE AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT AND THERE IS AN OUTLINE ON HOW THEY ARE GOING TO START THE MAINTENANCE; HE IS GOING TO START AT THE NORTH END AND WORK HIS WAY SOUTH. IT MIGHT TAKE SIX MONTHS TO EIGHT MONTHS TO GET EVERYTHING CAUGHT UP. WHEN THE COMMENT WAS MADE HE WAS LAUGHING ABOUT THE ROAD ON DELTONA, I SMILED, YES; BUT, IF IT IS SARCASTIC, HE SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE ROAD AND WE WILL GET IT FIXED. HE DOESN'T LIKE BEING MADE TO LOOK STUPID OR DON'T LIKE ACCUSATIONS BEING MADE AGAINST HIM UNLESS YOU KNOW



THE WHOLE FACTS OF THE STORY. THE BOARD IS AWARE OF A COUPLE OF ISSUES THAT TOOK PLACE; THEY KNOW HE HAS APOLOGIZED TO THEM FOR ONE OF THE MISTAKES ON ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT TOOK PLACE. BUT, HE IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO HELP THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY AND THAT IS THE WAY IT IS. THE GENTLEMAN THAT HAS THE PROBLEM WITH THE DRIVEWAY, IF THE BOARD CAN HELP THEM, THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE GOING TO DO. HE IS CONCERNED WITH WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THEIR ROADS AS FAR AS THE MAINTENANCE OF THE ROADS; HE HAS A GUIDELINE OF HOW HE IS GOING TO DO IT. IF PEOPLE NEED HIM, CALL HIM; OTHERWISE, THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER PATE REPORTED EVERY DISTRICT EXCEPT ONE, HE AND ADMINISTRATOR HERBERT HAS A SCHEDULE OF THEIR WORK COMING UP. THIS DOESN'T MEAN THEY WILL BE GETTING THERE JUST ON THE TIME THEY ARE SUPPOSE TO GET THERE AND ADDRESSED SOMETIMES EMERGENCIES OCCUR TO CHANGE THE SCHEDULE. IN OUR MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS PEOPLE, EVERYBODY HAS NOT REALLY TAKEN TO IT REAL GOOD; BUT, THEY ARE REALLY COMING AROUND. WHEN THIS SCHEDULE GETS TO WORKING AND THEY START BACK TRYING TO BUILD SOME ROADS IN AREAS, HE FEELS IT WILL BE A LOT DIFFERENT AND MOVE A LOT FASTER THAN WHAT IT DID A YEAR AGO.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SHARED A LETTER WITH THE PUBLIC FROM A CITIZEN IN WASHINGTON COUNTY PRAISING MS. AMY SIMMONS, THE COUNTY'S VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER, FOR THE GREAT JOB SHE DID FOR THEM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED THE BOARD AND PUBLIC OF A LETTER FROM MARY ENFINGER, WASHINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD FOR THE WORK THE INMATE CREWS DID ON A STORAGE ROOM FOR THEM. HE SAID THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS THE INMATES HAVEN'T BEEN WORKING AT THE SUNNY HILLS MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL UPDATED THE BOARD ON MR. ALFUS BROCK, WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, REQUESTING THE COUNTY ASSIST THEM IN THEIR DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM. THEY ARE REQUESTING THE COUNTY PROVIDE THEM SOME MILLED ASPHALT AND LAY IT AROUND THE BUILDING THEY BUILT ON BRICKYARD ROAD. HE POINTED OUT IT WILL BE MORE THAN 50' OFF THE ROAD.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND OFFERED A MOTION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HOLMAN AND CARRIED TO PROVIDE THE MILLED ASPHALT, SPREAD IT AND COMPACT IT FOR THE WEST FLORIDA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION DISASTER RELIEF PROGRAM.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL REQUESTED CLARIFICATION ON AN ISSUE WITH THE TDC. MR. PAUL GOULDING IS SERVING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TDC AND HE ALSO OWNS A PUBLIC RELATIONS AGENCY IN CHIPLEY AND DOES BUSINESS WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING REGIONS. BY DOING THAT, HE HAS CUSTOMERS THAT DEAL WITH THE TDC AND WOULD ACTUALLY GET PAID FOR DOING THINGS THROUGH THE TDC. THE QUESTION CAME UP ABOUT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. HE KNOWS MR. GOULDING; HE IS A VERY GOOD BUSINESSMAN AND A GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS PERSON AND IS VERY GOOD AT WHAT HE DOES. HE HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL FOR THE TDC. HE WANTS TO DISCUSS THIS AND MAKE SURE THE BOARD EITHER DOES OR DOES NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS.

MR. GOULDING SAID, EFFECTIVELY THREE OR FOUR MONTHS AGO, PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, THIS SAME SUBJECT WAS VISITED AND HE THINKS THE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE COMMISSIONERS AGREED WHERE THE GOULDING AGENCY STOOD WAS NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. HE TOLD THE BOARD HE COULD LEAVE THE TDC TODAY AND CERTAINLY THE CHAIR POSITION AND NOT SHED A TEAR AND ACTUALLY HAVE THE TIME TO GET SOME MORE WORK DONE. AS CHAIR, HE CAN'T MAKE A MOTION OR VOTE ON AN ISSUE. THE GOULDING AGENCY HAPPENS TO BE SELLING MARKETING ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ARE AGGRESSIVELY GOING AFTER ALL THE BUSINESS IN THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA AREA THEY CAN. AMONGST

THOSE CLIENTS ARE A NUMBER OF MANY SPECIAL EVENTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THOSE EVENTS DUE TO THE FACT THEY ARE FUNDED THROUGH THE BED TAX MONIES ARE SOMEWHAT RESECOND EXISTENT FOR A LACK OF A BETTER TERM AND THEY ARE AG- GRESSIVELY GOING AFTER EVERY SINGLE DOLLAR OF THAT THEY CAN.

HE ASKED ONCE AGAIN IF THE BOARD THOUGHT THERE WAS ANY INPROPRIETY OR ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH HIM SERVING ON THE TDC AND BEING ASSOCIATED WITH GOULDING AGENCY. HE ACTUALLY CAME PREPARED TO THE LAST TDC MEETING WITH HIS RESIGNATION IN HAND AND ASKED HIS COUNCIL THERE IF THEY THOUGHT THERE WAS ANY CONFLICT. I THINK A RED FLAG WAS RAISED WITH FINANCE AND THAT IS WHERE THIS DISCUSSION MAY HAVE COME FROM. HE POINTED OUT EIGHT OR TEN INVOICES HAD ALREADY BEEN PAID TO HIS COMPANY PRIOR TO THAT SO HE DOESN'T KNOW WHY THAT RED FLAG OR REASON FOR CONCERN OCCURRED. NONETHELESS, HE TOLD THE BOARD GOULDING AGENCY WOULD BE AGGRESSIVELY GOING AFTER EVERY BIT OF THAT BUSINESS WHICH IS INCLUSIVE OF THE TDC FUNDING ADVERTISING GRANT MONEY. HE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.

COMMISSIONER PATE EXPLAINED HOW HE THINKS THIS WORKS; PEOPLE APPLY FOR GRANTS TO DO THEIR ADVERTISING AND THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE YOU WORK FOR. MR. GOULDING SAID TDC MONEY, BY STATE STATUTE AND THEIR OWN BYLAWS, MUST BE USED FOR MARKETING AND ADVERTISING FOR SPECIAL EVENTS WHICH WILL PROMOTE TOURISM TWO THIRDS OF WHICH MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT OUTSIDE THE COUNTY. BY DEFINITION, THAT IS WHERE TOURIST COME FROM, OUTSIDE THE COUNTY. THE WATERMELON FESTIVAL, POSSUM FESTIVAL, LEGENDS OF LORE, SPANISH TRAIL PLAYHOUSE ARE ALREADY EVENTS GOULDING AGENCY ALREADY CURRENTLY SERVICE, ADVERTISING AGENCY OF RECORD FOR THEM. THE GOULDING AGENCY NEGOTIATES, PRODUCE AND PLACE MEDIA FOR THESE EVENTS ALREADY. THE SHORT ANSWER TO COMMISSIONER PATE'S QUESTION IS YES.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID HE DIDN'T REMEMBER ANYONE OBJECTING ON THE BOARD THAT DAY. DEPUTY CLERK GLASGOW ADVISED THEY DIDN'T; IT HAS ALREADY BEEN VOTED ON.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WAS NOT ASKING FOR A VOTE; HE KNEW THIS VOTE HAD TAKEN PLACE AND NOBODY HAD A PROBLEM WITH IT. THE QUESTION IS IT HAS COME UP AGAIN AND HE JUST WANTS TO PUT IT TO REST AND DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT ANYMORE. IF ANYONE HAS A PROBLEM WITH IT, THEY NEED TO SPEAK UP NOW.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED ATTORNEY HOLLEY IF HE SEEN A PROBLEM WITH WHAT MR. GOULDING WAS ASKING. ATTORNEY HOLLEY STATED HE DIDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT; BUT, THE WAY TO SOLVE IT IS TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE ETHICS COMMISSION AND LET THEM DECIDE.

MR. GOULDING REITERATED HE HAD JUST AS SOON GET OFF THE BOARD; THE TDC COUNCIL WANT ALLOW HIM THAT. THE BOARD'S CONSENSUS WAS THEY HAD NO PROBLEM WITH MR. GOULDING SERVING ON THE TDC BOARD AND BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE GOULDING AGENCY.

MR. GOULDING POINTED OUT SOME OF THESE SPECIAL EVENTS MUST GO OUT FOR BID BECAUSE SOME ARE COUNTY FUNDED; THEY WELCOME ALL BIDS.

ROGER HAGAN ADDRESSED HIM BEING AWARE THE BOARD DID NOT PASS THE MSBU ORDINANCE TONIGHT; BUT, QUESTIONED IF HE WAS APPOINTED THE COORDINATOR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL INFORMED ROGER THE BOARD DIDN'T ADDRESS THAT; AT THIS POINT, YOU ARE MY CHOICE AND THE BOARD IS GOING TO COME BACK NEXT MONTH WITH SOMETHING ELSE.

ROGER SAID THE \$100 IS NEITHER HERE NOR THERE; BUT, HE WOULD NEED TO HAVE BACKING OF THE BOARD IF HE TOOK THIS POSITION.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADVISED HE WOULD LIKE TO WAIT UNTIL A LATER DATE; THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING TO AWARD A CONTRACT AND HANDLE THE MSBU ISSUES THEN. OBVIOUSLY, THERE ARE SOME ISSUES THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE AND THEY NEED TO WORK THROUGH THEM.

COMMISSIONER BROCK ADDRESSED THE COUNTY BEING THROUGH WITH THE ROLLING PINES PROJECT AND OFFERED A MOTION TO DISSOLVE THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW, PUT THEM UNDER THE COUNTY WORK FORCE AND LET THEM OPERATE THROUGH DALLAS AND ROBERT. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION.

DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE COUNTY HAVING SEVERAL PROJECTS THEY HAVE TO DO WITH NO MONIES. COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THE BOARD APPARENTLY NOT GOING TO BORROW MONEY TO DO THE PROJECTS AND ARE NOT GOING TO RAISE ANY GAS TAXES FROM WHAT HE HEARD THE OTHER DAY TO GENERATE MONEY TO DO THE PROJECTS WITH. HE ASKED WHAT THE PLAN WAS FOR DOING THESE PROJECTS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THEY START MONDAY ON RIVER ROAD AND THE PROJECTS THEY HAVE NOW NEED DOING.

COMMISSIONER PATE UPDATED THE BOARD ON HIM AND PUBLIC WORKS WORKING ON A PLAN; ONCE THE PLAN IS COMPLETE, THEY WILL HOLD A WORKSHOP FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE A DECISION ON IT. HE WELCOMED ANY IDEAS THE BOARD MAY HAVE. HE CHALLENGED THE BOARD AND EVERYBODY AT PUBLIC WORKS TO LET THE PLAN WORK ONCE IT IS PROVIDED.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND AND COMMISSIONER BROCK HAVING SAID PREVIOUSLY THEY COULD TAKE CARE OF THE RIVER ROAD PROJECT. HE FEELS BONNETT POND ROAD WILL BE THE SAME WAY. AS FAR AS BONNETT POND ROAD, HE FELT THAT HE AND COMMISSIONER PATE CAN WORK THAT OUT WHEN IT COMES TO PATE'S TIME. HE AGREED THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW SHOULD BE PUT BACK UNDER PUBLIC WORKS AND LET DALLAS USE THEM AS HE SEES FIT.

HEATHER QUESTIONED IF THE MOTION PASSES, HOW WILL THE TITLE CHANGE AS TRAMPASS IS NOW THE SPECIAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID HE WAS NOT SURE HIS TITLE WILL CHANGE. HEATHER THEN ADDRESSED SHE ASSUMED THE JOB DESCRIPTION WOULD NEED TO BE CHANGED BECAUSE THE WAY SHE WROTE THE JOB DESCRIPTION WAS HE WOULD SUPERVISE AND OVERSEE ANY SPECIAL PROJECTS THAT ARE UNDER THE COUNTY.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL SAID TRAMPASS STILL COULD; A SPECIAL PROJECT MAY COME UP.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID IN GENERAL, THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW WILL BE UNDER DALLAS. THE EAST SIDE HAS BEEN DOWN ON CERTAIN POSITIONS AND HAVE FOR SOME TIME NOW; HE IS ASSUMING DALLAS WILL FILL THOSE POSITIONS.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED WITH COMMISSIONER HOWELL RECOMMENDING THEY HOLD A WORKSHOP ON THE DISBANNING OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW AND PUTTING THESE EMPLOYEES UNDER DALLAS AS WELL AS THE OTHER ROAD PROJECTS THEY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ADDRESSED THERE NOT BEING ENOUGH PEOPLE TO DO MAINTENANCE AND PROJECTS AT THE SAME TIME AT PUBLIC WORKS. IF THE COUNTY IS GOING TO DO A PROJECT, THEY NEED TO DEDICATE PEOPLE TO IT AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DO THE MAINTENANCE COUNTYWIDE, RATHER THAN EAST AND WEST.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REITERATED HIM AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND WAS GOING TO WORK TOGETHER AND BUILD RIVER ROAD.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL TOLD COMMISSIONER BROCK IT WAS NOT HIS NOR COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BUILD RIVER ROAD; IT IS PUBLIC WORKS RESPONSIBILITY TO BUILD ROADS. HE REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND NOT BEING A ROAD SUPERVISOR.

COMMISSIONER BROCK SAID THE COUNTY HAS ROAD SUPERVISORS THAT CAN BUILD ROADS; THEY DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT AND HIRE SOMEBODY TO BUILD ROADS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL EXPLAINED THE COMMISSIONERS DON'T NEED TO BE INVOLVED IN BUILDING ROADS; WE DON'T NEED TO BE DOING THAT. WE HAVE PEOPLE QUALIFIED TO DO IT. COMMISSIONER BROCK AGREED AND SAID LET OUR SUPERVISORS DO IT.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED HE DIDN'T THINK THEIR SUPERVISORS ARE QUALIFIED TO BUILD ROADS; THEY DO A GREAT JOB ON MAINTENANCE AND DO ANYTHING THE BOARD ASK THEM TO DO. HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT ROAD BUILDERS. THERE ARE CONTRACTORS TO BUILD ROADS AND THAT IS WHAT THE COUNTY OUGHT TO BE DOING. THE SUPERVISORS DON'T WANT TO BUILD ROADS; THEY WANT TO MAINTAIN ROADS.

COMMISSIONER HOLMAN ASKED COMMISSIONER BROCK TO RESCIND HIS VOTE AND TABLE THE DISBANNING OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW, DISCUSS IT FURTHER AND GET IT RESOLVED NEXT MONTH.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL AGREED A LOT MORE DISCUSSION IS NEEDED ON THE DISBANNING OF THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW; THIS BOARD IS FAMOUS FOR MAKING DECISIONS ON THINGS AND COMING BACK SIX WEEKS LATER AND CHANGING IT. THEY DON'T NEED TO BE DOING THIS.

COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID HE THINKS THE COMMISSIONERS JOB IS TO SET RULES AND POLICIES OF THE COUNTY AND WE DON'T DO THAT. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID SINCE HE HAS BEEN ELECTED, HE HAS LET ROBERT HARCUS DO HIS MAINTENANCE AND HE HAS BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB.

COMMISSIONER BROCK REFERRED TO ROAD PROJECTS THE COUNTY HAS BUILT AND THEY WERE BUILT TO FL-DOT STANDARDS. WHEN COMMISSIONERS WORK TOGETHER, YOU CAN GET WORKFORCE IN THERE AND GET A LOT DONE. THAT CAN HAPPEN AND HE WANTS IT TO HAPPEN; IF THIS BOARD WILL LET IT HAPPEN, WE CAN GET THE ROAD PROJECTS BUILT AND DO MAINTENANCE TOO.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED EVERYTHING THAT WENT WRONG WITH ROLLING PINES HAS BEEN LOOKED AT AND YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED AT THE MISTAKES THAT WERE MADE.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL ASKED WHAT THE PLAN WAS ON DOING THE RIVER ROAD PROJECT. COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND SAID THEY WERE GOING TO START WITH THE FIRST MILE ON RIVER ROAD DUE TO IT BEING THE WORST SPOT.

COMMISSIONER PATE ADDRESSED EACH PROJECT WILL HAVE A SCHEDULE; CLIFF ASKED THEM TO IDENTIFY THE EQUIPMENT THEY HAVE, THE OPERATORS, ETC. AND ONCE THEY GET THE PLAN TOGETHER, START DISCUSSING SCHEDULES, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE PEOPLE AROUND.

COMMISSIONER BROCK, IN DEFENSE OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT, SAID THEY HAVE VERY SKILLED EMPLOYEES OUT THERE THAT CAN RUN MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT AND THEY CAN BUILD ROADS.

COMMISSIONER HOWELL STATED HE WAS NOT SAYING ROAD AND BRIDGE COULDN'T BUILD ROADS; BUT, WHEN THEY ARE BUILDING ROADS, THEY ARE NOT MAINTAINING ROADS.

COMMISSIONER BROCK STATED YOU CAN ALTERNATE; YOU HAVE A LOT OF EMPLOYEES THAT CAN OPERATE SEVERAL PEICES OF EQUIPMENT.

COMMISSIONER PATE SAID NOBODY HAS SAID THEY JUST HAVE ONE; THEY WANT TO IDENTIFY THE EMPLOYEES WHERE THEY CAN USE THEM THE BEST. HE BELIEVES IN THOSE PEOPLE AT ROAD AND BRIDGE.

COMMISSIONER BROCK AND COMMISSIONER STRICKLAND RESCINDED THE MOTION AND SECOND TO DISBAN THE SPECIAL PROJECTS CREW UNTIL A WORKSHOP CAN BE HELD.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CLERK

CHAIRMAN

\*END OF MINUTES\* FOR 02/26/09